# **Arkansas**

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### General

Last week, high temperatures in Arkansas ranged from 73 to 83 degrees Fahrenheit while low temperatures ranged from 28 to 39 degrees Fahrenheit. There were 4.0 days suitable for field work as rainfall totals for the week ranged from 0.22 inches in Fayetteville to 3.87 inches in Conway. State average soil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus.

# **Crops**

Last week, Arkansas producers on average had 4.0 days suitable for field work due to rainfall throughout the state. The wet fields slowed producers' ability to plant winter wheat, and harvest cotton, rice and soybeans. The cloudy days and rainfall also contributed to the slowed opening of cotton bolls. Despite the weather conditions, producers were able to maintain the pace of the previous week and remain ahead of the five year averages for soybeans harvested and winter wheat planted. Winter wheat emergence was well ahead of last year and the five year average, while rice harvest was nearing completion.

# Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Producers continued baling hay and seeding fall forage crops as weather permitted, along with selling fall calves and working cattle.

# **Percent of Progress**

	Stage	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	2005	5 Year Avg
Cotton	Harvested	72	70	94	73
Rice	Harvested	99	98	99	99
Soybeans	Shedding	99	98	98	95
	Matured	97	92	94	71
	Harvested	81	76	86	69
Winter Whea	tPlanted	64	54	71	48
	Emerged	45	29	35	28

### **Condition in Percentages**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
Winter Wheat	0	1	33	56	10	
Pasture & Range	17	23	36	20	4	

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending October 29, 2006									
		Temperatures Rainfall							
					Wk Ending	Oct.	Oct.	Jan - Se	ptember
District	Station	High	Low	Normal	Oct. 29	Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	76	30	-1	0.22	3.20	4.38	33.81	34.58
	Harrison	81	32	-1	0.38	3.90	3.96	39.38	33.46
N. Central	Calico Rock	83	29	-5	1.19	5.43	4.14	43.54	33.76
	Gilbert	81	28	-3	0.78	6.12	3.81	35.86	32.74
	Greers Ferry	77	33	-5	2.48	5.94	4.72	37.13	36.64
	Mtn. Home	80	32	-5	1.13	6.41	3.67	37.65	33.11
Northeast	Batesville	78	31	-5	1.95	5.65	4.41	37.77	34.54
	Jonesboro	74	33	-5	2.61	5.98	4.25	38.56	33.59
	Keiser	77	31	-5	0.97	3.49	3.83	44.76	37.30
	Newport	79	34	-4	3.83	6.80	4.05	37.02	35.33
W. Central	Booneville	80	30	-4	1.90	6.95	4.44	31.09	34.93
	Clarksville	77	33	-3	1.73	7.51	4.63	29.60	33.77
	Dardanelle	80	33	-4	1.22	4.59	4.63	31.28	35.16
	Ft. Smith	81	33	-3	1.09	5.59	4.39	34.22	32.11
	Mena	76	31	-3	0.80	5.47	6.44	30.48	42.11
	Ozark	78	33	-4	1.56	8.53	4.39	39.91	32.58
Central	Conway	78	34	-5	3.87	6.65	4.50	35.74	34.99
	Hot Springs	78	33	-6	2.17	3.60	5.73	35.27	41.29
	Little Rock	78	36	-2	1.86	3.15	4.70	34.41	36.62
	N. Little Rock	76	39	-7	2.34	3.90	4.19	32.56	32.22
E. Central	Brinkley	75	34	-4	0.80	2.00	3.96	39.17	36.77
	Marianna	73	33	-6	0.37	2.28	4.15	32.76	38.97
	Stuttgart	79	32	-6	0.81	1.94	4.18	35.32	35.62
Couthwast		79	31	-5	1.61	3.14	5.03	27.26	39.31
Southwest	Texarkana	80	37	-3 -2	1.01	2.53	4.29	23.92	32.82
	Camden	78	32	-2 -4	1.76	3.43	4.29	25.92	38.59
		70	20		1.51	2.71		22.25	10.50
S. Central	El Dorado	78	32	-4	1.71	3.51	4.75	33.35	40.58
	Warren	77	33	-4	1.76	3.85	5.00	32.12	40.70
Southeast	Eudora	78	35	-6	2.14	9.18	4.21	37.18	42.36
	Pine Bluff	79	35	-3	1.38	2.23	4.89	35.29	38.18
	Rohwer	77	36	-3	1.64	3.96	3.70	35.29	38.14

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